

Group to audit campus waste for recyclables

Selected buildings targeted in effort

By COLLEEN WATSON
Staff Writer

About 30 volunteers will be rifling through trash today at 8 a.m. to show students what they are doing wrong.

"We're doing this to see what students are throwing away," said Megan Fluke, director of the Environmental Resource Center and a senior environmental studies major, "to see what percentage of recycling is ending up in the garbage, and just trying to make students more aware of what their actions lead to. All this recycling is going to the dumps."

The trash audit will begin in front of Duncan Hall, where volunteers will go through all of the building's previous day's trash and remove and weigh anything that can be recycled.

At 11 a.m., the group will move to the Boccardo Business Complex, where they will go through all of the trash from that building as well as the Art building and Dudley Moorhead Hall. Fluke said she expects the audit to last until about 2 p.m.

"Originally they wanted to analyze the waste from random bags taken from each of the buildings on campus," said SJSU Recycling and Moving Services Specialist Terry Ramirez. "But that was too hard to arrange with the time that we had. So instead, we did all of the waste from a few of the buildings."

Fluke said, "It was a month-and-

a-half ago where I was meeting with Facilities, and we were talking about what was in our waste and what we could do to make students more aware of what they are throwing away."

Ramirez said that people from SJSU's Facilities Development and Operations have helped out logistically, but the students have run everything else.

"This is mostly student-run," Ramirez said. "I do want to be there for support, and I need to show the students how to run the compactor."

Fluke was disappointed that the volunteers wouldn't be able to do a trash audit on the whole campus but said the trash they pick up will give an accurate representation of the what the student body throws away.

When finished, three students from the class Environmental Studies 110: Resource Analysis will perform an audit of the trash, showing how much of the trash that would be going straight to a landfill is recyclable, Ramirez said.

The auditors will be weighing paper, glass, recyclable plastic, metals, compost, "other" and non-recyclable garbage, Fluke said.

"(We're) trying to show how much energy we can save if all the recyclables that we throw away were recycled," said Christian Rodriguez, a freshman biology major who works for the center.

After the event, the trash will be taken to the compactor and the recyclables will be recycled.

State cuts spur CSU forum



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ABOVE: As they listened to the forum speakers, audience members ate free lunches and filled out "I want to help!" cards.

RIGHT: Many attended the CSU Budget Forum on Wednesday to discuss Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed \$386 million budget cut.



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'No-cuts' voices emanate podium

By TOMMY WRIGHT
Staff Writer

At all 23 California State University campuses across the state, forums are taking place to discuss the danger of budget cuts the governor has introduced in response to the state's deficit.

An audience of about 250 people gathered at the Barrett Ballroom in the Student Union on Wednesday for San Jose State University's budget forum. Speakers at the forum included SJSU President Don Kassing, San Jose City Councilman Sam Liccario and representatives of faculty, staff, students, alumni and labor groups.

The governor's proposed budget will reduce \$386 million from the CSU budget, including \$73 million needed to stop an increase in tuition fees.

According to Kassing, the goal of the forum was to "organize a systemwide united advocacy effort called the alliance for the CSU that will persuade the governor and the legislature to restore budget cuts to the CSU."

The effort is named Alliance for the CSU. Volunteers passed out information cards at the forum for audience members to join the group.

While at the podium, Kassing said there were three key messages that he and the other speakers wanted to address.

"The first one is proposed budget cuts will impact student access to the CSU," he said, "since not all qualified students are going to be

Student turnout sparse at Ballroom

By TARA DUFFY
Staff Writer

The majority of the more than 250 people at the California State University budget forum appeared to be professors and other staff members of the CSU system — few were students.

The focus of the meeting, which was held Wednesday at noon in the Student Union, was how the CSU proposed budget cuts might affect students.

Some of the students in attendance said they heard about the budget meeting from their professors.

"Well, I heard that I may have to pay more for college, and I thought I would find out why and find out more about the issue," said Aaron Moon, a freshman music major.

Moon said he heard about the meeting from his professor.

"She doesn't make a lot of announcements, so I thought I should check this out," he said.

As the meeting went on, a few more students trickled in and stood along the back wall of the Barrett Ballroom inside the Student Union.

"I just wanted to learn more about the situation and find ways to support the CSU. My professor, Jonathan Karpf, he made it very apparent that this is something we should attend," said Faith Chihli, 20, a sophomore advertising major.

"It takes a lot of people to make a difference, and we can be

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Class project takes aim at the blue bins

Environmental studies students team up with Greek-lifers in recycling drive

By KATE TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Environmental Studies 181, a class at SJSU also called the Environmental Resource Center, is planning a recycling project for the university's fraternities and sororities.

Megan Fluke, a senior environmental studies major and the director of the center, said she and Katie Voegtle, assistant director of the center, lead a group of about 22 students in different environmental projects.

"I guess you could call that my committee," she said.

Fluke, 21, said the class sent e-mails to each fraternity and sorority on campus requesting information about their garbage output.

"What we're trying to do right now is working with the Greeks," Fluke said, "to get them to switch to Allied Waste."

She said fraternity and sorority

houses are considered commercial buildings instead of residential housing, so they must pay to have their trash taken care of by one of 15 to 20 trash companies.

Allied Waste would be considerably cheaper than what the Greek houses are paying, Fluke said, which might entice fraternities and sororities to recycle.

When she lived at her sorority's house, Fluke said she noticed it wasn't as environmentally friendly as it could be.

"One of the biggest things was that there was no option for recycling at our house," she said.

When she was hired as director of the center, she said, one of her goals was to get every SJSU fraternity and

sorority to recycle.

"We feel that it would really improve their image," Fluke said of Greek involvement in the recycling project.

"The project looks like it's going to work out in the end."

BRANDON CRUZ
junior
political science major

Fluke said she has given presentations to some of the Greek houses pitching the recycling project and that most of them are interested.

Brandon Cruz, a junior political science major and house manager of Sigma

Chi, said his fraternity has already instituted a weekly house cleanup, when bottles and cans are separated from regular trash and turned in to a recycling center for money.

"It think it would be a great idea," Cruz, 21, said of Fluke's project, "but it doesn't seem completely practical with some of the recycling situations

at some of the houses."

He said a lot of the houses have trouble getting their trash out at all, so setting up more bins makes the process more difficult.

Cruz cited the replacement of his house's one large trashcan with two smaller cans if his house were to switch to Allied Waste, as well as the problem of accidentally putting the wrong recyclable materials in the wrong bins, as potential problems.

"The project looks like it's going to work out in the end," Cruz said. "It's just going to take a lot of time."

Fluke said a lot of the fraternities recycle cans and bottles at the very least, but she is currently trying to get them to also recycle paper, and she hopes for compost in the future.

"I don't think that people realize what kind of impact recycling can have," said Christian Rodriguez, a freshman biology major who is also in Fluke and Voegtle's class.

Remembering one of physics department's finest

By DINA BASLAN
Staff Writer



Former physics professor, Karamjeet Arya, taught at SJSU for 20 years.

Karamjeet Arya, former SJSU physics professor, died March 28 at the age of 62 — less than a year following his brain cancer diagnosis.

Arya came from New York, where he last taught, and in 1988 joined SJSU as an associate professor. He was later promoted to professor in 1993.

As a theoretician, Arya had done research on a variety of topics, including lasers, optical properties of materials and optical characterization of bio-molecules.

He was a lively, energetic and enthusiastic person, said physics department chair Kiumars Parvin.

"You could hear him down the hallway when he was lecturing in Room 242 quite easily," remembered John Yiu, a physics post-graduate student.

While Arya was on a family visit to India in summer 2007, however, the first signs of illness started to creep on his body.

"He came back in August," Parvin said, "and then after various testing was done, he was diagnosed with malignant tumor in his brain, and since he wanted to pursue treatment of the tumor he took medical leave and went under radiation and chemotherapy."

Physics Professor Ramen Bahuguna, who considers Arya a very

close friend, said he last saw him three weeks ago.

"He was bedridden at that time, and he was not speaking," Bahuguna said, "but by his eyes, I could tell he was recognizing me and my wife."

Arya lived with his wife Sunita. They had one daughter, Ranju, who graduated from SJSU with a degree in electrical engineering.

He had shared an office with Professor Irina Berman for 10 years. She said she has felt lonely ever since he left and that a lot of things in the office remind her of him, like the microwave he bought for the kitchen.

"Right before this happened to

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admitted under the current budget proposal."

The second message from Kass-ing was that the state's work force relies heavily on graduates from the CSU system, so the cuts will affect the state's industries.

"Proposed budget cuts will impact the long-term prospects of increasing college-going rates, an extraordinarily important issue in this state," he said. "In particular, toward the under-served communities in California."

Liz Cara, president of the SJSU California Faculty Association, explained to the audience that cuts to the CSU system "are not inevitable."

"How shortsighted," Cara said about the governor's proposed cuts.

"The CSU is the engine that runs the economy of California. The CSU trains the people who work to make this state profitable and desirable."

Benjamin Henderson, president of Associated Students, said the cuts would make it difficult for students to get into the CSU system and earn a college degree. He said 10,000 eligible students would be turned away. He explained how powerful education can be.

"Being educated makes a person free," Henderson said. "If it did not make a person free, then it would not have been illegal for slaves to read and write in this country."

Sgt. John Laws of the University Police Department, who is also

the director of the state university police association at SJSU, said the CSU provides 89 percent of the public safety professionals who are employed in California. Laws said the state currently has an entire generation of police officers and firefighters who will be retiring.

"If these cuts go through, where will your public safety professionals come from?" Laws asked.

Henderson said that on April 21 there will be an event in Sacramento to rally against cuts to higher education in California.

"The CSU provides the education that keeps the American dream alive," Cara said. "So the fight for the CSU is really the fight for the state's future."

"The CSU is the engine that runs the economy of California."

LIZ CARA
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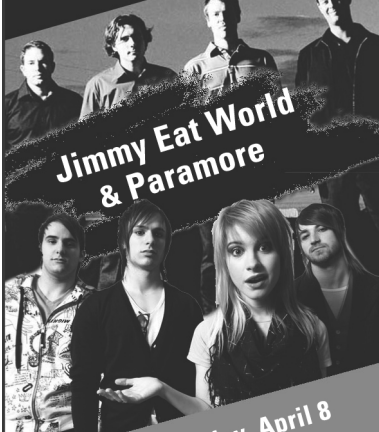
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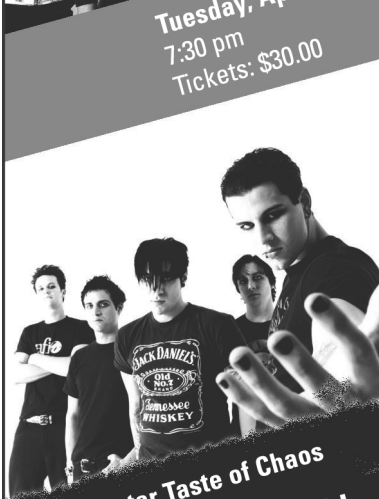


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Movie Review

Try your luck
with '21'

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By COLLEEN WATSON
Staff Writer**Written from an entertainment perspective.*

The movie "21" is the pipe dream of every aspiring gambler — to take Las Vegas for everything it's worth.

But "21" is inspired by true events. It's not just a story pulled out of the ether; this story has some elements of truth. I stress some because for those who have read the book "Bringing Down the House," the book of the real MIT team that card counted in Las Vegas and that inspired the film, you will not find an exact

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match or even that close of a match.

"21" begins by hammering home just how likable a character Ben, played by Jim Sturgess, is. He's an MIT student who recently got accepted into Harvard Medical School but can't find the money to pay for it (the movie never explains how he's paying for MIT).

Poor Ben is somewhat of a nerd, has no female friends, and he and his two best friends (also strong in the art of social awkwardness) spend their free time building a robot for a contest. He spends the rest of his time either working at a men's apparel store or studying.

Enter Mickey, played by Kevin Spacey, who, with his band of plucky MIT students, convinces Ben to come to Vegas, count cards

and take home wads of cash.

The movie was fun to watch. Sequences at the blackjack tables following how Ben was counting the cards were an interesting way to portray a card game that can be really boring to watch.

Mickey, the shady college professor who started the group, was great to watch. I wish he had been in the film more often. Spacey's portrayal of the slimy mentor to the MIT team was both fun and believable.

There was an appearance by Jeff Ma, who led the real MIT team and was the inspiration for Ben's character. Ironically, he plays a blackjack dealer.

The romance between Ben and Jill, another team member, played by Kate Bosworth, seemed rather forced, and I didn't think it was needed to advance the storyline. But director Robert Luketic's previous works have all been romantic comedies, so maybe he felt more comfortable if there was at least a little romance in the movie.

Another little thing that bothered me was that Ben would keep all his winnings in the ceiling of his dorm room. Thousands of dollars in the ceiling? He's supposed to be this mathematical genius, so why wouldn't he put it in the bank? Card counting is not illegal; you can, therefore, claim it on income tax and put it in a bank.

Though a few things about the movie annoyed me, I liked the portrayal of the card counting and the difference of the students' lives between Boston and Las Vegas.

Overall, I enjoyed the movie, and after seeing it, I definitely wanted to head to Las Vegas and try my own luck.

INTERVIEW WITH FILM'S DIRECTOR AND LEAD ROLE'S REAL-LIFE COUNTERPART

By COLLEEN WATSON
Staff Writer

"21" is a recently released movie about a team of MIT students who learn how to card count and make millions in Las Vegas.

On March 25, I participated in a teleconference with Robert Luketic, the director of the film, and on Wednesday I joined a teleconference with Jeff Ma, who was the inspiration for Ben Campbell, the main character of the movie.

"I think that the movie itself is very similar to many experiences I went through," Ma said. "The story line and the plot line are very different."

"We took the core," Luketic said. "Basically team dynamic and the fundamental system they used, and then we took a lot of dramatic license."

Ma was recruited for the card-counting team while he was a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the early '90s.

"I was definitely reluctant to get involved, primarily because it didn't seem like something that was on the up-and-up in some respects," Ma said.

The movie took place over

a couple of months, where in actuality Ma was part of the team for a number of years. At first he had some difficulty in balancing school and trips to Las Vegas.

"It was definitely one of those things that took me a while," Ma said. "It was in some respects a weekend job. I learned very well to sort of multitask."

It had to be believable that Ma would have thousands of dollars at his disposal so the casinos wouldn't think it was odd a college kid was dropping so much money.

"I think it was definitely something that came out of necessity," Ma said. "To be able to be good at blackjack I had to evolve into an outgoing, energetic, boisterous guy."

While working on the team, Ma regularly got compensated hotel suites and food. He said the whole experience was exciting, like when he was chased out of a riverboat in Louisiana for being recognized as a card counter.

Ma said that the most important thing about the system was the team.

Though Ma doesn't talk to many of his former teammates anymore,

he said it was because after 10 years they've drifted apart.

The team spent more than four years taking millions of dollars from casinos across the country, but eventually it all ended.

"Essentially what happened is over the course of time, they sort of got clued into what we were doing," Ma said. "The gig was kind of up. They started to watch us like hawks."

Ma said he believed his time on the team gave him the experiences to succeed in business; he has helped establish four start-ups and is currently working on Protrade.com.

"We tend to go there a lot, and the casino always has the advantage. The casino is always winning," said Luketic. "I kind of enjoyed the fact that a group of MIT geeks came in and shook things around a bit."

"I still go to Vegas," Ma said. "I don't play blackjack anywhere. I don't need the hassle of people yelling."

Luketic, on the other hand, played a couple of hands in Las Vegas.

"My director's chair is right beside an active blackjack table," he said. "What are you going to do? So you pull a fifty or a twenty out of your pocket and you put it down — and you lose it."

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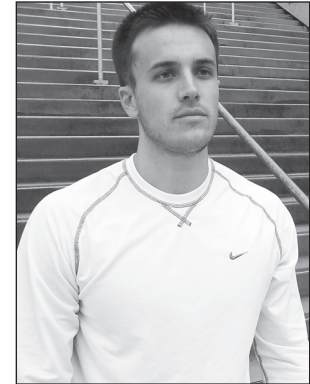


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The NCAA Final Four: Which team will have its shining moment?

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“I think the UCLA Bruins. They are going to take it because they are going to their third-straight Final Four, and I think they have the best coach in the country, Ben Howland. And Memphis isn’t that disciplined if you get in their face with the defense, and UCLA has that defense. I think they are going to get over that hump this year.”



North Carolina Tar Heels

Tyler Hansbrough has been on fire for North Carolina, averaging 21 points and 9.5 rebounds per game in the tournament.

The Tar Heels have faced almost no competition, winning all of its games by 10 points or more. Contributions have also been made by guards Ty Lawson and Wayne Ellington and forward Danny Green.

They also pull down a lot of rebounds, averaging more than 43 per game, most of them on the defensive side.

North Carolina won 32 games in one of the most challenging basketball conferences in the country, the Atlantic Coast Conference.

If its early losses to Duke and Maryland are any indication of how to stop the Tar Heels, it’s by shooting well — both teams had good shooting nights when they beat North Carolina.



Memphis Tigers

For a team that had an easy conference schedule, Memphis has stepped up in a big way in the first four rounds of the NCAA tournament, handily beating Texas and Michigan State to reach the Final Four.

Guards Chris Douglas-Roberts, who is averaging more than 20 points per game in the tournament, and Derrick Rose, who is averaging just below the same point mark, lead the Tigers. Teams will have to contain one of the two to beat Memphis, since the Tigers aren’t getting significant offensive contributions from anyone else.

The Tigers’ greatest shortcoming is their free-throw shooting, which stands at 60 percent, far worse than any of the other remaining teams.



Kansas Jayhawks

Kansas is the most well-rounded team of the Final Four, with seven players on the roster who average seven points per game or more.

The Jayhawks also boast strong defensive stats, averaging almost nine steals per game, six blocks per game, and are tied with Memphis for the best assist-to-turnover ratio of the Final Four teams.

In the tournament, the Jayhawks turned up the heat defensively on Stephen Curry and his Davidson squad to beat them in their Elite Eight match-up.

No one on the roster has had a break-out game in the tournament, but it hasn’t been needed — yet. While Kansas has consistently had three scorers in double figures, it has yet to have a single player score more than 20 points in a game during the tournament.



UCLA Bruins

Tyler Hansbrough has been on fire for North Carolina, averaging 21 points and 9.5 rebounds per game in the tournament.

The Tar Heels have faced almost no competition, winning all of its games by 10 points or more. Contributions have also been made by guards Ty Lawson and Wayne Ellington and forward Danny Green.

They also pull down a lot of rebounds, averaging more than 43 per game, most of them on the defensive side.

North Carolina won 32 games in one of the most challenging basketball conferences in the country, the Atlantic Coast Conference.

If its early losses to Duke and Maryland are any indication of how to stop the Tar Heels, it’s by shooting well — both teams had good shooting nights when they beat North Carolina.

“I think UCLA is going to win the tournament. They have really good defense, and that’s really what wins tournaments, that and depth at the guard position, someone to run the court and experience.”



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SPORTS COMMENTARY:

Is it already time to look ahead to the 2009 MLB season?



By **JESSE KIMBREL**
Staff Writer

Major League Baseball opened its season this week, and with the 162-game season under way, Bay Area fans could witness a combined 200 losses from the A's and Giants.

The Giants:
No offense equals little success

As for the Giants, they are well on their way to losing to the rival Dodgers 5-0 in their season opener, followed by a 2-3 loss Tuesday night.

Barry Zito got the nod on opening day for the fourth-straight year even though he has never won on opening day in his career. The Giants have two young pitchers, Matt Cain and Tim Lincecum, who are much closer to being aces than Zito is.

The morning after the first loss of the season, I woke up to sports radio talk show host Gary Radnich saying, "I've got nothing bad to say about Zito. I just don't think he can pitch at a high level anymore."

If that's the case, good thing he's only in the second year of his \$126 million contract.

Zito is a former Cy Young Award winner and has one of the best curveballs in the game. He brings a lot to the team, but he's probably the third best pitcher on the staff, and the Giants need to recognize that.

The Giants have the deepest starting rotation in the National League West,

which means if they can provide any kind of run support for their pitchers they have a chance to win the game.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the Giants had scored two runs in 18 innings.

Cain and Lincecum have the talent to win 20 games each, but even if they do, that still leaves a lot of games up in the air to unproven players.

On offense the Giants lost "you know who," and, say what you want, there's nobody in the lineup who can or will match his offensive production.

The Giants largest off-season acquisition via free agency was center fielder Aaron Rowand.

Rowand played last season for the Philadelphia Phillies, where he belted 27 home runs, drove in 89 runs and held a .309 batting average.

He will be a solid player for the Giants, but he doesn't have much help around him, and it will be interesting to see what he can do in a lineup that doesn't consist of players such as Ryan Howard, Chase Utley and Jimmy Rollins.

Forecast seems cloudy for the Giants this year, and they will end up dead-last in a competitive division with many good, young stars not wearing a Giants uniform.

The A's:
Spend money, or it's last place

Across the Bay, things don't look any better for the A's. In fact, they look worse.

During the off-season, Mr. Money Ball Billy Beane showed he had no interest in spending any money as usual, but he was eager to trade away his two best players, outfielder Nick Swisher and pitcher Dan Haren.

Swisher ended up with the Chicago White Sox and Haren was sent packing to strengthen the Arizona

Diamondbacks' starting rotation. On behalf of Giants fans everywhere, thank you, Billy.

The good news for the A's is that they are in second place in the American League West, and flame-thrower Rich Harden looked good in his season debut, striking out nine Boston Red Sox players in six innings for an A's victory.

The A's opened the season in Japan with a two-game series against the Red Sox, a series they wound up splitting.

Harden is a guy to keep an eye on throughout the season, because if he pitches up to his potential, like he did in the opener — and in Wednesday's game — every game he works is worth watching.

Being an A's fan has its downs, but it seems that every year right before the playoffs the team full of misfits marches through an entire month without losing a game and ruins the chances for other deserving teams to reach the playoffs.

What do you expect from an Oakland sports team?

The problem for the A's this year won't be the team, it will be the other teams in their division. The Angels and Mariners have both improved from last season by doing the opposite of the A's — spending lots of money on big-name players.

From the looks of it now, those two teams will be battling it out for first place all season long.

The A's on the other hand will be battling it out for second to last place with the Texas Rangers.

If you're planning on going to a game in Oakland, try to make it a night game early in the season so you can skip it and walk across the parking lot to catch a Warriors playoff game.

SJSU Sports Weekend Schedule

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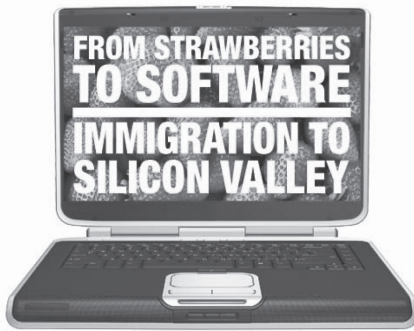
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Overview of Topics & Activities

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Don Kassing, President of San José State University

Dr. Tim Hegstrom, Dean of the College of Social Sciences

Keynote Address

Dr. AnnaLee Saxenian, Dean of School of Information at UC Berkeley

Theater

Dr. Matthew Spangler's production of Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*

Friday, April 11, 2008

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Session I (10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.)

- Dr. AnnaLee Saxenian's, Author Meets Critics
- The Santa Clara County of Model of Immigrant Integration
- Immigration Debates
- Undocumented Residents

- Community Practice and Research
- Overcoming Abuse and Stress
- Addressing Immigrant Educational Issues

Session II (1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.)

- Borders and Citizenship
- Best Practices in HealthCare and Educational and Pedagogical Access for Immigrants
- Generations
- Immigration Policies and Contentions
- The Intersecting Threads of Micro-Enterprise, Culture & Mental Health within Immigrant Communities: A practitioner's Perspective
- Claiming Civic Space Through Participatory Arts - A Workshop
- Asians in the American West
- Student's Perspectives: Impact of Migration and Immigration Policy in Service Work
- Community and Global Issues

Session III (3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

- Refugee & Diasporic Experiences
- Cultural Shifts
- Immigration Experiences & College Students' Mental Health Issues
- Advocating Immigrant Policies
- Student Roundtable on Recent Immigration Issues
- Using Participatory Techniques for Engaging Immigrant Communities - An interactive workshop
- Economic & Cultural Changes
- Film Presentation: POSADA by Mark McGregor



OBIT | Arya was ‘always very kind’

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him,” she said, “he published an excellent article which had huge resonance. He received tons of calls and letters, and he started an experiment, which was very promising.”

Yiu, 25, said he worked with him only in the undergraduate research program.

“It was really surprising,” he said, “because I never had any chance to sit in any of his lectures, but from what I heard is that he made sure students understood what he was

teaching rather than blindly barrel-ing through the lecture.”

Danny Olson, a physics graduate student, agreed.

“I worked with him for about a year on a project,” he said, “and he was always very kind, and he actually seemed very concerned with students’ well-being.”

Arya was born and raised in Punjab, India. He received his doctorate degree at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Mumbai. He then completed his post-doctoral work at the International Centre for

Theoretical Physics at the Pierre and Marie Curie University in Paris.

“He was a great theoretical scientist,” Bahuguna said, “and he was very knowledgeable about his field, and it was wonderful to collaborate with him.

“I would go to his office to have tea with him,” he said, “and ever since he left the university, I miss him.”

Professor Arya’s funeral services will be held today at Oak Hill Funeral Home on 300 Curtner Ave. in San Jose. The services will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Professor recognized for role in department re-accreditation

By KATE TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Marlene Turner, a professor of business organization and management at SJSU, received the university’s Distinguished Service Award for 2007-08.

The award recognizes leadership and service to the university, according to a news release from SJSU President Don Kassing, and is one of four faculty awards given each year.

“There are so many people who make so many contributions to the university in so many ways,” Turner said. “It’s a privilege to be a part of that group.”

Turner said she was notified of the “tremendous honor” a couple of weeks ago.

“President Kassing called and asked me if I’d be willing to accept the award,” she said.

The award specifically recognized Turner’s involvement in the accreditation of the College of Business in 2006 by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

“I actually sort of facilitated the process,” Turner said.

Nancie Fimbel, interim dean for the College of Business, said Turner wrote the college’s self-study, which took about a year to complete, for the accreditation team.

“She smiled all the way through it,” Fimbel said. “She wrote a wonderful report that made us shine accreditation team came to visit.”

There are 554 U.S. colleges of business in the accredited by the association, Turner said, which is one of the highest achievements a college can earn.

“I think the entire college pulled together in the most amazing way to make that happen,” Turner said. “I’m thrilled that we received that honor.”

Abdel El-Shaieb, interim associate dean for the college, said he was part of the team that nominated Turner for the award and said she took care of the entire accreditation process “from A to Z.”

“If it were not for Professor Turner,” El-Shaieb said, “I believe the college would not have been re-accredited.”

The association re-accredits business colleges every five years, and Turner said SJSU has maintained accreditation at least since she has been teaching.

She has been teaching organizational behavior and management

at SJSU since 1987 and served as interim chair for the Department of Organization and Management for nine months in 2006.

Turner’s term in that position overlapped with the research and writing of the accreditation’s self-study, Fimbel said, but she was effective in working with faculty to make the process run effectively and efficiently.

“She’s particularly well cut out for doing that kind of work because what she teaches is how to work well with a team,” Fimbel said. “She not only knows about the theory, but she can use it.”

Turner has received other awards and honors, both Fimbel and El-Shaieb said, which is

“If it were not for Professor (Marlene) Turner, I believe the college would not have been re-accredited.”

ABDEL EL-SHAIEB
Interim associate dean for the College of Business

proof she is an asset to the college.

“She not only taught,” Fimbel said, “but she won the Outstanding Graduate Professor award in the College of Business, and in the same year she won the Best Researcher award.”

Kassing will present Turner with the service award April 30 at the Ninth Annual Faculty Service Recognition and Awards Ceremony luncheon.

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The next Kennedy? I think not



LINDSAY BRYANT

Column What You Want

When I was a kid, the last job I wanted in the world was president of the United States.

Instead, I dreamt of days spent as a librarian-slash-spy.

I wanted to hide amid the shelves and read every book, then take breaks to solve mysteries, piece clues together and write it all down in my black and white Mead notebooks.

I kept journals since around the age of 9, and while looking through one over spring break, I happened upon a folded school worksheet stuffed inside the notebook. The header read something like: “The unusual similarities between Lincoln and Kennedy.”

The similarities are few and far between, despite what the third-grade curriculum may have alluded to, but it did make me think about the comparison of Kennedy to Barack Obama.

The media have generously cast Obama as the “next Kennedy” — a man who can inspire change in this country.

And I believe that’s true. If Obama is president, the country will not be the same as it is now. But how far can inspiration and identity take us — a country

whose economy is nearing a recession, becoming more dependent each day on foreign oil and still occupying Iraq? The experience is not there, and it’s not something his magnetism can hide behind.

The man *is* inspirational. He drips of charisma and confidence. And I believe that he believes in what he says.

But Barack Hussein Obama is no John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Ted Sorensen, a speechwriter for both Kennedy and Obama, has constructed some of the most repeated and inspiring rhetoric I’ve ever heard.

When the library at my elementary school, where I spent most recesses, got computer versions of Encarta Encyclopedia, I sidelined my spying to watch the videos on Encarta.

Kennedy’s “Ask not what your country can do for you ...” speech almost makes you ache; it garners a sense of pride, maybe as an American and certainly as a person listening to a powerful speaker. His voice and his delivery made you pay attention.

But BHO is no JFK. Kennedy backed up his gift of gab with experience. There was a U.S. president behind the podium who was entrenched in American politics, as an employee of the American government since the age of 29, and who with each task was building toward the climax of delivering speeches.

Obama, who if he wins will become the second youngest president, was 35 when he began his two-term stint as the U.S. senator for Illinois and 12 years in politics.

Kennedy ran in the 1960 presidential race 14 years after his first service as a U.S. Congressman.

It’s a two-year difference, so it’s nothing. But the experience of Kennedy is not that of Obama.

Kennedy was a decorated World War II

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veteran. He grew up in a political family. His father was ambassador to the United Kingdom. And he traveled to countries critical to the American political system and the tumult of the era. Kennedy went to the Soviet Union, Romania, Turkey, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Greece, France, Germany, Italy and Czechoslovakia as a 20-something. As a young reporter, pre-Washington, he covered the development meeting of the United Nations for the Chicago Herald-American, writing 17 pieces for the newspaper.

Barack spent his political career in Chicago. He did live in Indonesia for four years as a child, a country not particularly important to U.S. foreign policy, and is a chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee/Subcommittee on Europe. Although Obama’s travels around Europe have been questioned vehemently by

political bloggers Arianna Huffington of the Huffington Post and Steve Clemons from the Washington Note.

Barack was asked in December, “Has (he) been to Europe more than once?” The question, posed by the Iowa Independent Web site, was met with: “Yes, he is well-traveled.”

And that was the last of it. That media outlet, and others, requested more information. He has yet to publicly address his travel experience in terms of visiting foreign nations or dealings with them. He’s been asked to provide a list from his passport about his travel, and he has not.

Maybe it’s not high on his priority list. Maybe whether he’s traveled to Europe or North Africa or the Middle East or China makes no difference in his vision.

But BHO is no JFK.

It’s just not there. You cannot stuff a decade’s worth of experience abroad and studying foreign relations, military and politics into the next eight months.

Yes, he is inspirational; and not simply because he could be our nation’s first black president. The man has the ability to move people, and move them to vote in November.

But when it comes to running our nation, one that was run by gut instinct for the past eight years, I can’t trust intuition over experience.

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*Three apples and an orange:
Which one doesn’t belong?*



MICHAEL RIZZO

This Queer Life

Remember those first grade testing days, when we’d get to spend hours coloring in all the tiny little dots on the Scantron? Standardized, multiple-choice intelligence queries that could magically tell you how smart you were.

You’d get a series of shapes, then pick what comes next in the pattern. This is to this as that is to that. If Sally is older than Johnny, and Tommy is younger than Johnny, who’s older — Sally or Tommy?

We were about 6 the first time we saw a picture of three apples and an orange.

“One of these is unlike the others and does not belong,” they said.

And you got a higher IQ if you knew that “different” was wrong.

The orange’s name was Henry. He had grown up in that bowl, the lone orange, with no other oranges around. And since apples were all he ever knew, Henry denied he was even an orange at all.

“I’m no different from you,” he’d say to the apples, who wouldn’t let Henry forget.

“Go peel yourself, and find something to rhyme with, you sun kisser,” they’d snicker.

At his weakest, Henry would shout at the top of his pulp, “If I’m not an apple, I’m no fruit at all,” because Henry had learned that “different” was wrong.

I’ve been there.

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During recess one day, I decided to play Barbies with a girl in my class because ... well, I don’t know.

I played Ken. She played Barbie. We strapped on our Rollerblades, hopped in the Jeep, took a cruise down to Malibu and sipped soda under the trees.

Life in plastic — it’s fantastic.

I basked in the hot, beach sun until a boy who ran by, action hero in hand, chasing after a remote-controlled army tank, interrupted my tan.

“Look at the prissy fag,” he said. “Where’s your dress?”

Oranges are different from apples, I thought. So I guess everything “different” is wrong.

Apples are red, but oranges are not. Gay men kiss guys, but straight men do not. This is to this as that is to that, and abracadabra, voila: “Different.”

One sad day, Henry took a look in the mirror. What he saw, well, it wasn’t an apple.

“I’m no different from you,” Henry said to himself as he held back his sobs. “And if I’m not an apple, I’m no fruit at all.”

The next morning, he juiced himself.

And that’s the story of Henry, the orange who was unlike the others and did not belong. He took his own life because somebody told him that “different” was wrong.

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Letter to the editor

SJSU, thank you for standing up

When our chapter of Alpha Phi Omega at Purdue University lost a brother this year due to complications with leukemia, our members decided to improve our planned blood drive, a tradition since 1951, by expanding it and including a bone marrow drive. Our strongest supporters for this cause came from the Queer Student Resource Center and the LGBT community.

We had known for a long time that homosexual men were not allowed to donate to blood drives, but we were assured by the local representatives of the National Bone Marrow Donor Program that they would be allowed to become registered donors. Much to our chagrin, when the drive opened, the members of their community were turned away en masse due to a recent FDA memo.

Upon researching this problem, I discovered that your university has, in protest to the FDA practices, banned blood drives from your campus. While we at Purdue have taken a different approach, writing letters of protest to the FDA and the NBMD, I was pleased, and frankly proud, that a university protested unfair practices and protected its students from discrimination, even when our own government does not.

I thank your university for its actions, and I implore all Spartans who believe that practices that discriminate against the gay and lesbian community should be stopped to please research the FDA ban and contact your local representatives to protest unfair policies within the government.

-Neil Hudelson
President, Alpha Phi Omega, Purdue University

Death: You can’t deny it, so why not embrace it?



By KATE TAYLOR
Staff Writer

I am a seriously morbid person. I have an unusual obsession with death.

Images that normally cause people to turn away or feel nauseated grab hold of my interest and have me searching for them on Google and Encyclopedia Dramatica, aptly called “Wikipedia’s evil twin” by a blogger.

There is a farm in Knoxville, Tenn., where dead human bodies are spread

I still jump at the chance to witness death or talk to those who are near it.

out over 3 acres of land and studied in their various stages of decomposition.

This is where I want to go on my next vacation.

The realization of my morbidity came after I took one particular class here at San Jose State, and since then, the proof has been inescapable.

When I saw, as a sophomore, that one of my general education classes had the words “death” and “dying” in the title, I set my cell phone alarm to the exact date and minute I could begin enrollment.

The class involved books about cultural perceptions of death, discussions about religious beliefs and speakers from religious sects.

We wrote our own wills, filled out do-not-resuscitate forms, planned our own funerals and reflected on time spent at cemeteries.

I would peruse mydeathspace.com in my spare time, fascinated by life’s ability to yank a soul from its body and cause immense grief to those still living.

It may be abnormal to say so, but I loved it.

A couple years later, I still jump at the chance to witness death or talk to those who are near it.

When a friend of mine went to medical school in Chicago, I asked her to send me videos and pictures of the cadavers her class dissected.

In action or horror flicks, my favorite parts end up being the ones in which

someone gets decapitated or loses a limb — the bloodier, the better.

My family experienced quite a few deaths in the past year, and at each funeral, I hoped there would be an open casket.

As inappropriate as that is, it is actually what I felt.

I’m not sure what my fascination with death is, but I think it has something to do with the fact that death is a constant.

Death, as the saying goes, is the only thing one can really count on life to follow through with, besides taxes.

I am going to die one day — maybe today or maybe in 30 years. The point is, it’s going to happen to everyone eventually.

An article in the September 2006 edition of Discover Magazine stated that an estimated 100 billion humans have died since the beginning of the species.

It’s comforting to know that so many have gone before me and that billions will continue to die after I have my turn.

It’s not as though I can’t wait for my own death — I still have things I want to do while I have life — but I’m looking forward to the experience, if there’s anything to experience.

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the DAILY QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If you are out there ... you might feel like ‘Wow,’ but when you are there, there’s not really anything else you can do. I feel I did what I had to.”

SABA SOHAIL

Seventeen-year-old San Jose girl who chased off a man who allegedly raped her neighbor. Sohail, wielding two kitchen knives, also may have rescued her neighbor’s 2-year-old son from the alleged rapist.

Students serve as health educators in Mexico

By HEIDI ROMSWINCKEL-GUISE
Staff Writer

Ten SJSU students, two professors and two alumni decided to pack their bags and head to Oaxaca, Mexico, for spring break to teach students about health education.

The SJSU group had to pay for their own way since the trip was unofficial.

"It was totally an informal trip," said SJSU alumnus German Blanco. "It was a group of students who all know each other, and we went down there to work on some health education."

It was the third trip to Oaxaca that the health science program has done and the second time students have been able to go.

Senior health science major Howard Sanders said he had wanted to travel for a while and thought this trip would be a great opportunity.

"Not only did I get to see things for myself, but we were helping people so it was that much more rewarding," Sanders, 23, said. "It was the best thing I have ever done in my life. That's how incredible it was."

For four days, the SJSU group taught local students, ranging from ages 6 to 18, about oral health, sexual health and immigration.

The SJSU students taught the youngest children about oral health, and the teenage boys and girls were split up to learn about sexual health and immigration.

The other three days were open for the group to experience the culture of Oaxaca.

SJSU students were able to go to Oaxaca in 2006 and 2008, but the students' safety could have been jeopardized in 2007 due to political rallies, Blanco said.

Health science department chair Kathleen Roe returned to Oaxaca in 2007 and brought Blanco with her.

Roe said she was happy the students were able to go on the trip this year.

"I have never had such a wonderful time with our students," Roe said. "I was so proud of them as health educators and as representatives of our campus, even though we were not official. They have so much pride in San Jose State."

Blanco said he was delighted to

go back this year.

"I totally loved it," he said. "I'm originally from Mexico, so it's always good to go back."

Blanco, a health science major who graduated in May 2006, stayed in the city of Oaxaca along with students and professors.

They visited the small town of Arrazola every day to teach students about health education.

Senior health science major April Allgrove said her experience was extremely fulfilling.

"It was probably the most meaningful thing I have ever done in my life," Allgrove, 22, said. "We taught health education, but we learned just as much as they did, if not more."

Allgrove, who is also a sociology minor, said she knew she had to go on this trip after missing two trips with the sociology department to New Orleans.

"Dr. Roe had given presentations in class about Oaxaca," Allgrove said. "When she told me about it I absolutely knew that I had to go, and it was the best decision I've ever made."

Blanco said he thought the trip was successful and enjoyable for the SJSU group as well as the people in Oaxaca.

"We were all really emotional when it was time to say goodbye," Blanco said. "I'm totally looking forward to going again."

Roe said she hopes this annual trip to Oaxaca will become official for SJSU in the future.

"We are now at the point where we need to formalize it," Roe said. "We are unofficially representing our community so well."



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those people."

A pair of graduate occupational therapy students, Choi Chio and Candy Wong, attended the forum also because of a professor's announcement.

"We came to see what's happening and how we could help," Wong, 28, said.

Only one of the members of Associated Students, SJSU's student government, spoke at the meeting — the A.S. President Benjamin Henderson.

"I wanted to accomplish showing how the cuts to the CSU would affect access to students," Henderson said.

"It was probably the most meaningful thing I have ever done in my life."

APRIL ALLGROVE
Senior, health science major

TOP RIGHT: Health science alumnus Andrew Cheng and senior Nathan McKenzie play with Arrazola resident Edson Aragon before an oral health session.

LEFT: Health science senior Howard Sanders with Arrazola resident Kevin Aragon.

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